[Translation]

Harassment of a Woman

4048. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an enquiry into the Usha episode, an inmate of Nari Niketan has been completed,

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the same is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the Union Government have received suggestions/requests from some social organisations/Members of Parliament to conduct an C.B.I. enquiry into the matter;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct an C.B.I. enquiry into the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c) The investigation of the case in question is still in progress. The blood samples of Smt. Usha, her son and two suspected persons have been sent for DNA test. Efforts are being made to complete the investigation expeditiously.

(d) to (f) There were suggestions from certain quarters that the case be assigned to the CBI for investigation. There is, however, no such proposal under the consideration of the Government at present. The Delhi Police is capable of handling such cases.

Rail Transport

4049. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether cement, food grains and fertilizers are being transported in open wagons by the railways at various places in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity of these goods transported, separately during the last year and the income earned as a result thereof;

(c) whether the railways have to bear financial loss due to the theft of the said goods while transporting them in the open wagons;

(d) if so, the amount of claims made for the loss of each item during the last three years; and

(e) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some quantity of cement, food grains and fertilizers is transported in open wagons to various places.

(b) No separate statistics of open wagons is maintained. A statement showing the commodity-wise loading and earnings (on originating basis) for the last two years is given below :

Commodity	Loading (in million tonnes)		Earnings (Rs. in crores)	
	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1995-96
Cement	31.45	31.80	1119.97	1211.68
Foodgrains	20.72	25.81	854.90	1085.76
Fertilisers	21.47	23.24	671.70	725.32

(c) and (d). No separate statistics on compensation claims paid by the Railways on theft of commodities is maintained. However, compensation claims paid for loss/theft of cement, food grains and fertilizers booked for carriage by the Railways during the last three years is as under :

Commodity	Year	Amount Paid (Rs. in lacs)
1	2	3
Cement	1993-94	31.28
	1994-95	46.29
	1995-96	39.48
Chemical and Pulses	1993-94	99.01
	1994-95	149.22
	1995-96	186.62
Chemical manures	1993-94	1.72
	1994-95	13.20
	1995-96	27.88

(e) More wagons are being procured on yearly basis. The Railways offer 5% rebate for transportation of the commodities in open wagons. Parties utilizing the open wagons cover it with Tarpauline and tie it up with ropes.

[English]

New Railway Line

4050. DR. ARUN KUMAR SHARMA :
DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new railway line under construction between Jogighopa and Guwahati would be completed in 1996-97, as was assured in reply to the Unstarred Question No. 4042 answered on August 23, 1994 in the Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, the time by which its construction is likely to be completed and the same is to become operational;

(c) whether the work is progressing as per the schedule;